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SUBJ: REPLY TO KING FAISAL'S ORAL MESSAGE

REF: JIDDA 4417

1. YOU ARE AUTHORIZED TO TRANSMIT FOLLOWING ORAL MESSAGE
FROM THE PRESIDENT TO KING FAISAL IN RESPONSE TO KING'S
ORAL MESSAGE TO THE PRESIDENT TRANSMITTED REFTEL AND ALSO
THROUGH SAUDI AMBASSADOR SOWAYYEL. QUOTE:

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YOUR MAJESTY: I WAS GLAD TO RECEIVE YOUR MESSAGES.
DURING THIS CRITICAL PERIOD I CONSIDER IT EXTREMELY
IMPORTANT THAT WE STAY IN CLOSE TOUCH. LIKE YOU, WE
ARE CONCERNED THAT THIS SITUATION BE RESOLVED IN A

MANNER THAT WILL SAFEGUARD OUR MUTUAL INTERESTS IN THE AREA AND CONTRIBUTE TO THE ATTAINMENT OF OUR MUTUAL OBJECTIVE OF BRINGING A JUST AND LASTING PEACE TO THE MIDDLE EAST. WE SHARE WITH YOUR MAJESTY A STRONG DESIRE TO AVOID PROLONGATION OF THE FIGHTING AND ESPECIALLY TO KEEP THE CONFLICT FROM SPREADING TO INVOLVE COUNTRIES WHICH ARE NOT NOW COMBATANTS. WE TOO ARE CONCERNED THAT THE SOVIET UNION NOT BE GIVEN AN OPPORTUNITY TO REASSERT ITS INFLUENCE IN THIS AREA.

I REGRET THAT THIS RESORT TO VIOLENCE HAS COMPLICATED THE EFFORTS WHICH WE HAD BEEN PURSUING WITH THE SEVERAL PARTIES IN SUPPORT OF A CONSTRUCTIVE APPROACH TO THE SETTLEMENT OF THE DISPUTE BETWEEN ISRAEL AND ITS ARAB NEIGHBORS. SECRETARY KISSINGER HAD ALREADY BEGUN EXPLORATORY TALKS WITH THE PARTIES INVOLVED IN NEW YORK PRIOR TO THE OUT-BREAK OF HOSTILITIES ON OCTOBER 6. IN HIS MEETING SHORTLY BEFORE WITH YOUR MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS, MR. SAQQAF, THE SECRETARY HAD INDICATED OUR INTENTION TO PURSUE ACTIVELY THE SEARCH FOR PEACE AND OUR DESIRE FOR SAUDI ARABIA'S HELP IN THIS ENDEAVOR. THIS CONTINUES TO BE OUR INTENTION.

YOUR MAJESTY, I CAN ASSURE YOU THAT THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT IS DOING ALL THAT IT POSSIBLY CAN TO BRING HOSTILITIES TO AN EARLY END. WE STRONGLY BELIEVE, HOWEVER, THAT THIS MUST BE DONE IN SUCH A WAY THAT THE PROCESS OF DIPLOMACY CAN ONCE AGAIN TAKE HOLD AND THAT GENUINE PROGRESS TOWARD A LASTING PEACE CAN BE OBTAINED.

AS SECRETARY KISSINGER EXPLAINED TO MINISTER SAQQAF IN THEIR MEETING OCTOBER 12, THE OBJECTIVE OF THE US IS TO BRING ABOUT AN END TO HOSTILITIES AND LAY A BASIS FOR ACHIEVING A JUST SETTLEMENT. IT IS PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT DURING THIS CRITICAL TIME TO CONDUCT OURSELVES IN SUCH A WAY THAT IT WILL NOT BE IMPOSSIBLE FOR THE US TO PLAY A HELPFUL ROLE ONCE THE FIGHTING IS OVER. I UNDERSTAND
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AND APPRECIATE THE DELICATE POSITION IN WHICH SAUDI ARABIA FINDS ITSELF. I FIND ENCOURAGING THAT YOUR MAJESTY'S STATESMANSHIP IS BEING MADE FELT ON THE SIDE OF MODERATION AND GOOD SENSE.

LET ME REASSURE ALSO YOUR MAJESTY THAT OUR POLICY AT THIS TIME IS NOT ONE-SIDED. AS I SAID ON SEPTEMBER 5, THE U.S. IS NEITHER PRO-ISRAEL NOR PRO-ARAB: IT IS PRO-PEACE. CONSEQUENTLY, IN THE DIFFICULT HOURS AND DAYS AHEAD, I BELIEVE IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT WE CONTINUE TO WORK TOGETHER TO HELP BRING ABOUT A RESTORATION OF AN ATMOSPHERE IN WHICH WE CAN RENEW EFFECTIVELY THE SEARCH FOR A JUST AND LASTING POLITICAL SETTLEMENT.

IN CLOSING I WANT TO TELL YOU HOW MUCH I PERSONALLY
APPRECIATED MINISTER SAQQAF'S ASSURANCES CONVEYED TO
SECRETARY KISSINGER THAT SAUDI ARABIA CONTINUES TO DESIRE
CLOSE RELATIONS WITH THE US. THIS TOO IS MY GOVERNMENT'S
POLICY AND ONE WHICH I INTEND TO PURSUE VIGOROUSLY.
END QUOTE.

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